

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

JOHN EDWARD BETTYS,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:23-cv-05838-BJR-TLF

PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER

This is a civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Defendants have now filed an answer to Plaintiff's Complaint. Accordingly, the Court hereby establishes the following pretrial schedule:

(1) Discovery

All discovery shall be completed by **June 20, 2024**. Service of responses to interrogatories and to requests to produce, and the taking of depositions, shall be completed by this date. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33(a) requires answers or objections to be served within thirty (30) days after service of the interrogatories. The serving party, therefore, must serve his/her discovery requests at least thirty (30) days before the deadline in order to allow the other party time to answer. Discovery requests must be served directly on the opposing party's counsel by mail.

1 (2) Motion to Compel to Discovery

2 Any motion to compel discovery shall be filed not later than **July 5, 2024**. Before  
3 filing a discovery motion, the parties must confer and attempt to resolve their differences.  
4 A good faith effort to confer with a party or person not making a disclosure or discovery  
5 requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference. If unable to resolve their  
6 differences, the party filing the discovery motion must, either within the motion to compel  
7 or in a separate affidavit attached to the motion to compel, list the date, manner, and  
8 participants to the conference. If the moving party fails to include such a certification, the  
9 court may deny the motion without addressing the merits of the dispute. See Fed. R. Civ.  
10 P. 37 and LCR 37(a)(1).

11 The motion to compel must: (1) list the matters on which the parties were unable to  
12 agree; (2) identify the nature and relevance of the documents and materials sought; and,  
13 (3) explain why the discovery sought is proportional to the needs of the case, considering  
14 the importance of the issues at stake in the action, the amount in controversy, the parties'  
15 relative access to relevant information, the parties' resources, the importance of the  
16 discovery in resolving the issues, and whether the burden or expense of the proposed  
17 discovery outweighs its likely benefit.

18 (3) Dispositive Motions

19 Any dispositive motion shall be filed and served by **July 22, 2024**. Pursuant to  
20 LCR 7(b), any argument being offered in support of a motion shall be submitted as a part  
21 of the motion itself and not in a separate document. The motion shall include in its  
22 caption (immediately below the title of the motion) a designation of the date the motion is  
23 to be noted for consideration upon the Court's motion calendar. Dispositive motions shall  
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1 be noted for consideration on a date no earlier than the fourth Friday following filing and  
2 service of the motion.

3 All briefs and affidavits in opposition to any motion shall be filed and served  
4 pursuant to the requirements of Rule 7 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and LCR  
5 7. The party making a motion may file and serve a reply to the opposing party's briefs  
6 and affidavits. Any reply brief shall also be filed and served pursuant to the requirements  
7 of Rule 7 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and LCR 7.

8 Defendants are reminded that they **MUST** serve a *Rand* notice, in a separate  
9 document, concurrently with motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment so  
10 that *pro se* plaintiffs will have fair, timely and adequate notice of what is required of them  
11 in order to oppose those motions. *Woods v. Carey*, 684 F.3d 934, 941 (9th Cir. 2012).

12 The Ninth Circuit has set forth model language for such notices:

13 A motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil  
14 Procedure will, if granted, end your case.

15 Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for summary  
16 judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be granted when there is no  
17 genuine issue of material fact – that is, if there is no real dispute about any  
18 fact that would affect the result of your case, the party who asked for  
19 summary judgment is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, which will end  
20 your case. When a party you are suing makes a motion for summary  
21 judgment that is properly supported by declarations (or other sworn  
22 testimony), you cannot simply rely on what your complaint says. Instead,  
23 **you must set out specific facts in declarations, depositions, answers to**  
24 **interrogatories, or authenticated documents, as provided in Rule 56(e),**  
25 **that contradict the facts shown in the defendant's declarations and**  
**documents and show that there is a genuine issue of material fact for**  
**trial. If you do not submit your own evidence in opposition, summary**  
**judgment, if appropriate, may be entered against you. If summary**  
**judgment is granted, your case will be dismissed and there will be no**  
**trial.**

1 *Rand v. Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir. 1998) (emphasis added). Defendants who  
2 fail to file and serve the required *Rand* notice on the plaintiff(s) may have their motion  
3 stricken from the Court's calendar with leave to re-file.

4 (4) Trial, Joint Pretrial Statement, and Expert Disclosures

5 A trial date and deadlines for serving expert disclosures and filing a Joint Pretrial  
6 Statement may be established at a later date pending the outcome of any dispositive  
7 motions.

8 (5) Proof of Service and Sanctions

9 All motions, pretrial statements, and other filings shall be accompanied by proof  
10 that such documents have been served upon counsel for the opposing party or upon any  
11 party acting *pro se*. The proof of service shall show the day and manner of service and  
12 may be by written acknowledgment of service, by certificate of a member of the bar of this  
13 Court, by affidavit of the person who served the papers, or by any other proof satisfactory  
14 to the Court. Prisoners subject to the Court's Mandatory E-Filing Project may comply with  
15 this requirement by certifying as to the date the document(s) is handed to the law librarian  
16 for scanning. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Order can result in  
17 dismissal/default judgment or other appropriate sanctions.

18 (6) Extensions

19 The deadlines contained in this Order are firm and will not be extended by the  
20 Court except upon application to the Court with a showing of good cause.

21 (7) Address

22 The parties are to promptly update the Court with any change of address or other  
23 contact information.

(8) Instructions to Clerk

The Clerk of Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to plaintiff and to counsel for defendants.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Theresa L. Fricke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Theresa L. Fricke  
United States Magistrate Judge